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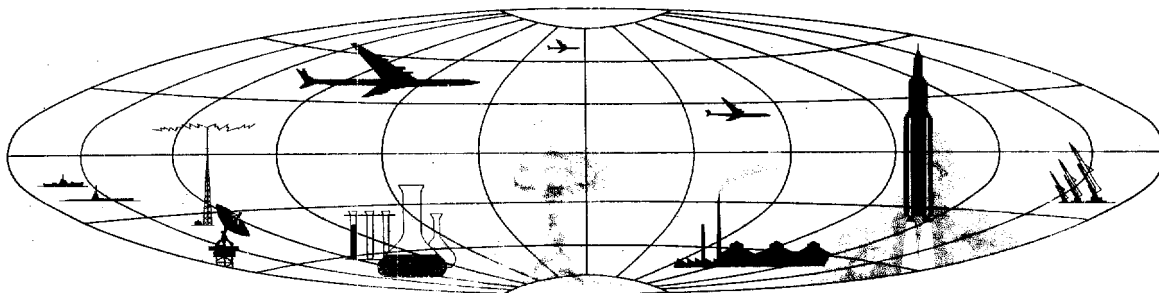
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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3574, DATED 25 APRIL 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

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SANTA LUCIA SAM SITE 2241N 08355W

SIX CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCH REVETMENTS, 4 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN HOLD POSITIONS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED. OBLIQUITY LIMITS FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD SAM SITE 2205N 08409W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 3 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE HOLD POSITIONS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

LA COLOMA SAM SITE 2218N 08332W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS (5 CANVAS-COVERED), ONE CANVAS-COVERED HOLD AREA, 9 PRIME MOVERS, SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA

25X1D

CIENFUEGOS SAM SITE 2202N 08024W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNRENETTED LAUNCHERS, 3 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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SAGUA LA GRANDE SAM SITE 2251N 08005W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 3 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, APPROXIMATELY 15 OTHER VEHICLES, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE REVETMENT.

25X1D

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CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVIEWED LAUNCHERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

SANCTI SPIRITUS SAM SITE 2147N 07929W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVIEWED LAUNCH POSITIONS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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SIGUANEIA SAM SITE 2137N 08257W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE HOLD AREA WITH 5 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, TWO OTHER CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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MANATI SAM SITE 2113N 07702W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVIEWED LAUNCHERS (2 POSSIBLY WITH MISSILES), 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AT LEAST 17 OTHER VEHICLES, AND A GUIDANCE REVETMENT WITH 5 VANS AND A FAN SONG RADAR.

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CHAMBAS SAM SITE 2213N 07853W

FIVE LAUNCHERS, 6 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS,  
AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

25X1D

ESMERALDA SAM SITE 2155N 07813W

SIX REVETTED LAUNCHERS, ONE TRANSPORTER IN LAUNCH  
REVETMENT, AND A GUIDANCE REVETMENT OBSERVED.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES COUNT OF OTHER TRANSPORTERS IN  
WOODS TO THE NORTH OF SITE.

25X1D

DELEITE SAM SITE 2259N 08045W

SIX REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 2 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

25X1D

CIEGO DE AVILA SAM SITE 2142N 07850W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNRETTED LAUNCHERS (5 WITH  
MISSILES), 7 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN 3 UNRETTED HOLD  
POSITIONS, 4 LARGE SOVIET-TYPE TENTS, 3  
BUILDINGS, APPROXIMATELY 7 OTHER VEHICLES, AND AN  
UNRETTED OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA WITH 6 VANS AND A  
FAN SONG RADAR.

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PINAR DEL RIO SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2221N 08339W

AREA CONTAINS 23 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AND 2 OTHER  
VEHICLES.

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VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2104N 07700W

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FROM 26 TO 30 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AND NUMEROUS OTHER  
VEHICLES OBSERVED.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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SIGUANEA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2137N 08258W

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SITE CONTAINS 2 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCH REVETMENTS, 4  
CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND 6  
CANVAS-COVERED REVETMENTS.

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-AIRFIELDS-

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

25X1A

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
AIRCRAFT -- 11 PROBABLE FAGOT/FRESCO.

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SIGUANEA AIRFIELD 2138N 08257W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

TYPE AND AMOUNT OF AIRCRAFT OBSERVED UNDETERMINED DUE  
TO OBLIQUITY.

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SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD 2206N 08409W

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NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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COLONEL MARTIN MARRERRO AIRFIELD 2150N 08247W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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PINAR DEL RIO AIRFIELD 2225N 08341W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE LIAISON AIRCRAFT.

25X1D

TRINIDAD AIRFIELD 2147N 07959W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

25X1D

-PORTS-

PUNTA ALEGRE PORT 2223N 07847W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

CIENFUEGOS PORT 2209N 08027W

VESSELS -- 3 LARGE FREIGHTERS (2 WITH HATCHES OPEN, BOOMS ACTIVE AND THE OTHER ANCHORED APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF MILE FROM PIER WITH 4 LIGHTERS ALONGSIDE), ONE SMALL COASTAL FREIGHTER, 3 PT, AND ONE POSSIBLE PC.

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MANZANILLO PORT 2021N 07707W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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NUEVITAS PORT 2132N 07716W

VESSELS -- 4 LARGE FREIGHTERS.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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LA ISABELA PORT 2256N 08001W

VESSELS -- 3 LARGE FREIGHTERS AND ONE PF.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CARDENAS PORT 2302N 08112W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CASILDA PORT 2145N 07959W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.  
NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT ARE IN THE AREA.

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JUCARO PORT 2137N 07851W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER ANCHORED OFF PUNTA  
GARAPACHO AND 6 BARGES TIED UP AT DOCK. NUMEROUS  
SMALL CRAFT OBSERVED.

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SANTA LUCIA PORT 2240N 08358W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

VESSELS -- 4 LARGE VESSELS.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

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SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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LA COLOMA PORT 2214N 08334W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

PINAR DEL RIO, MILITARY CAMP 2223N 08342W

CAMP CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 40 VEHICLES. NO APPARENT  
CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS, MILITARY CAMP 2054N 07655W

SITE CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 20 TENTS/BUILDINGS.  
NO VEHICLES OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN CAMP AREAS OR ON  
ADJACENT ROADS.

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SANTA FE AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY 2143N 08249W

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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CAYO LARGO 2138N 08129W

NO AIRCRAFT OR VESSELS OBSERVED.  
NO TROOP ACTIVITY OR NEW CONSTRUCTION.

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MESTANZA, EXPLOSIVES STORAGE SITE 2228N 08347W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. NO MILITARY  
ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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GUANE, MILITARY CAMP 2212N 08408W

TWELVE TANKS AND 20 TRUCKS OBSERVED.

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-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

LA ROSITA AREA, STORAGE INSTALLATION 2208N 08004W

THREE BUNKERS AND NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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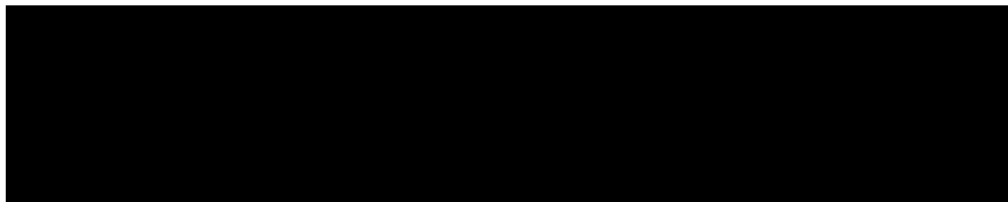
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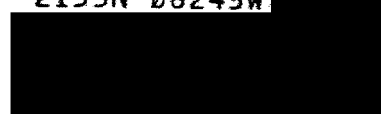
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LAST COVERAGE --

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3  
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 1  
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2  
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE  
SENADO SAM SITE  
LA SIERRA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE  
JAIME GONZALES AIRFIELD  
CIENFUEGOS LANDING BEACH  
ENSENADA COLORADO LANDING BEACH  
PLAYA COLOMBO LANDING BEACH  
PLAYA DE FLAMENCOS LANDING BEACH

2242N 08308W  
2243N 08001W  
2239N 07951W  
2225N 07935W  
2136N 07733W  
2156N 08019W  
2209N 08025W  
2202N 08036W  
2202N 08025W  
2154N 08246W  
2153N 08243W

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THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT  
NOT INTERPRETED --

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 1  
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4  
MATANZAS SAM SITE  
MANZANILLO SAM SITE  
DELEITE ALTERNATE SAM SITE  
CIEGO DE AVILA, SAM ASSEMBLY AREA  
CIFUENTES SAM ASSEMBLY AREA  
CAMAGUEY AIRFIELD SAM SITE  
MAJANA SAM SITE  
CAMAGUEY INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD  
CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD  
NUEVA GERONA PORT  
PUERTO PADRE PORT  
MANZANILLO AREA, MILITARY CAMP  
ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP  
CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP 1

2240N 08317W  
2246N 08258W  
2301N 08129W  
2018N 07706W  
2301N 08044W  
2152N 07844W  
2236N 08005W  
2122N 07750W  
2241N 08249W  
2125N 07751W  
2307N 08117W  
2153N 08248W  
2113N 07632W  
2017N 07706W  
2251N 08248W  
2121N 07750W

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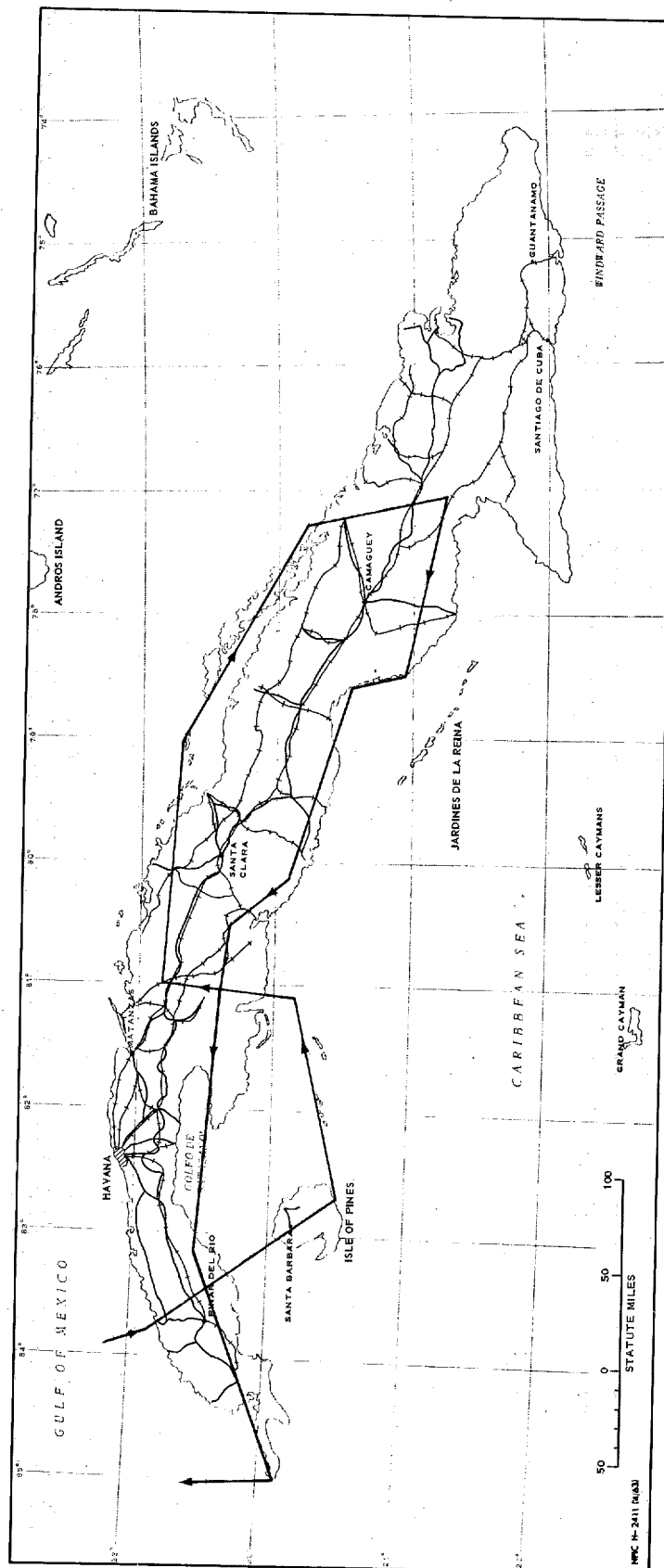
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REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2227N 07934W
SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2258N 08220W
TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX	2259N 08228W
SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY	2221N 07957W
CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2126N 07753W
MATANZAS LANDING BEACH	2301N 08126W
VARADERO LANDING BEACH	2308N 08118W
SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION	2224N 07953W
MANICARAGUA AREA, EXPLOSIVES STORAGE SITE	2206N 07958W
MATANZAS CITY, LA CUMBRE ALTA	2304N 08133W

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